see that Indian Nepalis were not disturbed.

(c) All Nepali nationals who enter or have entered into Megalaya after 14-8-71 are required to obtain pefmits under Foreigners (Restricted Area) Order, 1963 or under the Foreigners (Protected Area) Order, 1958 as the case may be.

Demands for independent radio/TV channel for States

2353. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:.

(a)" whether Government have received requests from some States seeking permission to operate independently a Radio/TV channel; and

(b) if so, what are tie details thereof and Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) Government of Karnataka has made a plea for establishment of a second channel for Radio and TV for mounting pro-r- grammes of education in close liaison with local agencies in their local languages. All India Radio Stations and Doordarshan Kendras broadcast programmes in regional languages and local dialects. These include programmes of information and education addressed to general and special audiences including farmers, workers, women, children, youth and others. The media keep close liaison with. the State Governments, District Officers. Local Agencies and, on the basis of such consultations/exchanges, mount programmes of publicity, information, entertainment and education to meet the communication needs in different areas of the listeners. In view of this situation, a separate channel under the State Government is not considered necessary.

Tribal afforestation scheme

2354. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in the *Times of India* dated the 10th October, 1986 regarding Rs. 20 crores tribal afforestation scheme, if so, full details thereof;

(b) whether the new scheme will correct the imbalances/lacunae observed hitherto; and

(c) whether any voluntary, NGOs are being involved in this effort and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) to (c) The News report published in the *Times of India* dated the 10th October, 1986 has been brought to the notice of the Government. Rs. 20 crores as Government of India share has been provided in the Seventh Five Year Plan under the scheme "Beneficiary Oriented Scheme for Tribal Development". Details of the scheme have not been finalised as yet.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I. Indian Telegraph (Fifth Amendment) Rules, 1986.

n. Indian Telegraph (Sixth Amendment) Rules, 1986

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): Sir, J beg to lay on the Table under sub section (5) of section 7 of the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Communications (Department of Telecommunications): ___

(i) G. S. R. No. 1121(E), dated 1st October, 1986. publishing the Indian